

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed January 12, 2006 Claims 1-4 and 9-23 are pending. Claim 17 stands objected to due to various alleged informalities. Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Faruqi et al. (WO 97/02563). Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Faruqi et al. (WO 07/02563). Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Faruqi et al. (WO 97/02563) in view of Henshaw et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,319,629). Claims 19-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Faruqi et al. (WO 97/02563) in view of Steenblik et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,715,316).


Claims 11 and 16 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 11 and 16 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claims 11 and 16 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In view of the amendments and remarks above, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 11 and 16 of the present application is in condition for allowance and solicits action to that end. If there are any additional matters that may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully Submitted,

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